

STATEWIDE METHAMPHETAMINE TASK FORCE

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Preface

In August of 2003, Governor Rounds and the Department of Human Services, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse hosted the South Dakota Governor's Summit on Methamphetamine. The 300+ in attendance listened to keynote speeches from state, regional, and national perspectives and worked in small groups to identify problems, barriers, and potential solutions to the methamphetamine problem in South Dakota. Law enforcement, mental health professionals, environmental clean-up personnel, child protection services, educators, chemical dependency prevention and treatment professionals, medical professionals, state policy makers, legislators, and our youth were all represented at the Summit.

During his keynote speech at the Summit, Governor Rounds announced that he would be appointing a statewide task force and asked those interested to submit their names to the Department of Human Services. The Statewide Methamphetamine Task Force was appointed in January of 2004 with the charge to develop and coordinate the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to mitigate the growing methamphetamine problem in South Dakota. The initial appointment of 33 members has been expanded to 46 members in response to the broad scale impact that results from the manufacture and use of methamphetamine.

The Statewide Methamphetamine Task Force held its first meeting in February 2004 and used the work product from the Summit as a starting point in the development of a strategic action plan. Darcy Jensen, Prairie View Prevention Services and Chris Lippert, Avera Queen of Peace Hospital were selected to serve as Co-Chairs for the Task Force. Darcy and Chris have provided tremendous leadership to the Task Force. Through their guidance the Task Force has worked to develop a strategic action plan and simultaneously worked toward the implementation of several aspects of the plan.

South Dakota is extremely fortunate to have the Methamphetamine Awareness and Prevention Project (MAPP-SD) that is funded through the US Department of Justice COPS program. The focus of MAPP-SD is raising awareness, continuing education, and providing resources to aid in the battle against meth. MAPP-SD is a project of Prairie View Prevention Services, Inc. Since its inception in 2001, MAPP-SD has worked collaboratively with the Department of Human Services, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse to insure that the efforts of MAPP-SD were in concert with and supportive of the efforts of the Department of Human Services. MAPP-SD is directly responsible for many of the accomplishments in the strategic action plan.

The impact of methamphetamine is pervasive and has no socio-economic boundaries – it is in our neighborhoods and backyards and in some instances in our living rooms. Our hope of effectively mitigating the impact of the manufacture and use of methamphetamine will require the cooperation and support of all branches of government and at all levels of government. It will require the commitment and action of communities, businesses, and organizations across this great state.

GOAL ONE: Sustain the public awareness campaign of signs, symptoms and effects of methamphetamine use and of the dangers associated with the manufacture of methamphetamine.

- Partner with media outlets to develop compelling stories and utilize local access programming, TV, radio, newsprint to launch educational campaigns on the harm of manufacture and use of methamphetamine.
- Provide informational materials via printed brochures, website, etc.

Accomplishments to Date:

- MAPP-SD has worked with media for news stories on meth
- Governor Rounds Kick-off of the statewide campaign “Meth makes you ugly” in 2006
- The statewide campaign was supported and carried out by Governor Rounds, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Department of Education, MAPP-SD, and the South Dakota Prevention Network (SDPN)
 - MAPP-SD developed presentations to be implemented across the state by State Prevention Network, Jeremy Buchholz and MAPP staff
 - “Meth Makes you Ugly” promoted at the 2006 and 2007 State Fair hosted by MAPP-SD and SDPN
 - Flyer sent to all school districts with meth facts
 - MAPP-SD produced and aired PSA about meth
 - Web Banner, pamphlet/brochures were available to jails and rest areas on the interstate
- MAPP-SD provides training throughout South Dakota on a variety of meth related topics
- MAPP-SD has a variety of brochures available and extensive information on their website at www.mappsd.org
- Climbing Wall – banners on side say “Guard Against Drugs”
- UJS adds a person to the Task Force
- MAPP-SD and the Prevention Resource Centers have distributed
 - 1,100 videos, 55, 000 brochures, 5,000 poster and 500 banners

GOAL TWO: Provide professional/discipline specific educational and training opportunities and recommend policy and program development to sustain educational efforts.

- Provide training that addresses the safety of personnel exposed to clandestine labs including 1st responders, law enforcement, and property owners
- Provide training for school staff, teachers, counselors, administrators on the signs, symptoms and effects of methamphetamine manufacture and use
- Provide training to key professionals with a high probability of encountering people using methamphetamine or exposed to the manufacture/use of methamphetamine including medical professionals, dental professionals, child protection workers, community health nurses, and court service officers
- Provide training to businesses with a high probability of being impacted by the manufacture of methamphetamine including retailers, pharmacies, agri-businesses, veterinarians, hotel/motel owners, landlords, and lenders

- Provide training to faith based entities and tribal organizations

Accomplishments to Date:

- MAPP-SD has provided training to many different professional groups and organizations
- The Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) has incorporated training related to meth in the law enforcement-training academy
- MAPP-SD in collaboration with the USD School of Medicine provided training to medical professionals and dentists
- MAPP-SD offers training to educators, youth, organizations, and communities on the dangers associated with the manufacturing and use of methamphetamine
- MAPP-SD hosted a slate of national presenters for a statewide training on Drug Endangered Children (DEC)
- MAPP-SD provided training to Realtors
- Training scheduled for Prevention Network and MAPP-SD staff to provide research based school curriculum
- MAPP-SD and DSS implemented the medical protocol for DEC
- MAPP-SD Dental protocol and training DVD developed and distributed through the SD Dental Association and hygienists
- MAPP-SD Completed training for 20,913 people
- NG Counterdrug Program provided meth specific prevention classes to small schools and reservations
- SE (PRC) Prevention Resource Center hosted the Spring Prevention Forum for 40 prevention professionals/educators that included a presentation about the status of meth use and prevention in SD
- SE (PRC) Prevention Resource Center provided a three-day Improvisational Theater Training for 80 youth and adults at the National Guard Training Center where one of the breakout sessions was about current drugs of abuse that featured methamphetamine and its affects
- SE (PRC) Prevention Resource Center coordinated the two-day Upper Plains Summer Institute for 250 professionals, which provided (for the second year) a session for treatment professionals about methamphetamine treatment from one of the developers of the Matrix Treatment Model at UCLA. (Other conference partners: PrairieLands ATTC, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Division of Mental Health, SD Chemical Dependency Association, Volunteers of America, Dakotas
- “Risk Kids Training” Jeremy B
- Department of Health in collaboration with the Department of Education, and the Department of Human Services, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse have offered 2-3 trainings yearly to train educators, prevention professionals and other youth leaders in the research based curriculum Life Skills Training
- The Department of Corrections and DHS correctional substance abuse staff has been trained in Meth treatment strategies and Matrix treatment program
- 2007 Northern Plains Methamphetamine and Wellness Summit-Bismarck, North Dakota. Prevention activity – Tribal practitioners from Aberdeen Area Indian Health Services
- DEA/FBI provided Meth education and lab identification training for the community of Martin in May 2006.

GOAL THREE: Research and review existing data collection systems in order to develop a comprehensive data collection system for South Dakota.

- Identify desired data elements i.e., age, gender, county of residence
- Identify sources for reporting data i.e., alcohol and drug facilities, hospitals, emergency rooms, clinics, mental health programs, law enforcements, DCI, child protection, schools, court services, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- Utilize data collection to compare to national/regional data, monitor effectiveness of interventions, and to support funding requests and program development
- Develop a standardized meth specific tracking/reporting system to capture data related to state trends in meth use and treatment

Accomplishments to Date:

- The Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (DADA) has implemented a new Prevention management information system called Knowledge-based Information Technology Solutions (KITS). KITS will allow for precise data collection on the prevention projects funded by the State
- MAPP-SD is participating in a sub-committee of the National Drug Endangered Children Alliance to review a proposed national data collection system for tracking of medical concerns
- FY2006 Meth level treatment data available through the modification of the Division's management information system
- The SD Dept. of Education administered the 2005 SD Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and 2007 SD Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The 2005 SD YRBS report is currently available online and in hard copy format. The 2007 SD YRBS report will be available in early 2008. Funding for the SD YRBS activities is provided by the SD Depts. of Education, Health, and Human Services
- The SD Dept. of Education provided the 1991-2005 SD YRBS Trend Report. This is currently available online. Funding for the SD YRBS activities is provided by the SD Depts. of Education, Health and Human Services
- The Bureau of Indian Education will conduct the Native American Youth Risk Behavior Survey nationally in 2008
- DHS annual assessment data of incoming correctional clients with meth addictions has also been an accomplishment in 2007
- The Division has contracted with Mountain Plains Research, Inc. for data collection and analysis of the Intensive Meth Treatment Programs

GOAL FOUR: Minimize environmental impact through clandestine lab reporting and clean up to include gross clean-up, disposal, and remediation of properties and mobile labs.

- Create and implement a system to insure that DENR is notified of each lab incident in the State of South Dakota
- Recognizing that there are no published health-based standards as pertains to an allowable "safe" amount of methamphetamine residue in a domicile, utilize the available

information to determine a target cleanup level for affected South Dakota dwellings until such time that a health-based standard is available

- Draft a compilation of cleanup practices that can be utilized to reduce contamination levels of methamphetamine residue in dwellings
- Provide training on appropriate procedures and safety precautions for personnel who have the potential for involvement with methamphetamine labs

Accomplishments to Date:

- System is in place for reporting of lab incidents to DENR
- DENR and Department of Health (DOH) have prepared guidelines for contamination reduction
- DCI Training Academy includes training related to hazards of meth labs
- MAPP-SD has provided training for EMT's, 1st Responders and hospitals related to hazards of meth and meth labs. 45 trainings were provided reaching 1,728 people
- Monitoring tasks completed by the Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the requirements of the Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act, as passed December of 2007.
- Decrease in lab activity from 41 labs and 503 arrests in 2003 to 7 labs and 312 arrests in 2007
- National Guard CD program provided a OH-58 helicopter to fly over National Forest to look for meth dump sites
- National Guard assisted other state Law Enforcement Agencies during heavy traffic time like the Sturgis Rally looking for meth and other drugs

GOAL FIVE: Reduce the accessibility of precursor chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

- Provide training to retailers in the Meth Alert Program
- Provide education on statutory limits on the quantity of pseudoephedrine products that can be purchased at one time for both state and federal laws
- Support voluntary utilization of anhydrous ammonia tank locks and/or additives that discourage use of anhydrous ammonia in the manufacturing process
- Work with DEA to create a combat meth compliance program

Accomplishments to Date:

- MAPP-SD with the assistance of the Attorney General's Office has implemented the Meth Alert Program in several communities across the state. Training videos and materials are available for use in interested communities
- Governor's bill to limit the quantity of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine products was passed. Additional legislation also limited access to these products and required a registry of who purchased the product
- The Department of Public Safety, and the Agri-Business Association has established a program for anhydrous ammonia tank locks and distributed 1,091 locks

GOAL SIX: Implement prevention protocols that are proven effective with methamphetamine use.

- Work with tribal members to insure prevention programs are culturally competent
- Increase and promote the involvement of South Dakota High School Activities Association and other athletic associations as drug prevention strategies
- Develop and expand existing volunteer programs, a speaker's bureau, and prevention clearinghouse to raise awareness and support prevention efforts
- Develop a statewide meth prevention plan
- Meth specific classroom presentations available to all schools through the SD Prevention Network and MAPP-SD staff
- Implementation of Life Skills at 12 pilot sites with meth lesson component

Accomplishments to Date

- MAPP-SD works with interested communities to develop community coalitions to develop a community plan for prevention and awareness of meth
- MAPP-SD, working through their community coalitions, is assisting schools to develop or adapt school policies to address meth related issues
- MAPP-SD is developing and distributing brochures and training videos
- A draft meth prevention plan has been developed for the state
- NG Counterdrug Program enlists personnel to sit on boards/committees and address the building of stronger community coalitions
- NG Counterdrug Program is distributing pamphlets, giveaways and other items that directly relate to the dangers of meth use
- NG CD Program provided \$14,000 in travel cost to Youth 2 Youth participants, which teach appropriate choices and decisions and combat the use of mood altering chemicals to include meth
- NG CD Program provided \$7,500 in speakers fees for people like C.C. SD Chemical Dependency Association has provide in collaboration with other agencies monies, personnel and equipment for professional treatment/prevention trainings throughout SD
- SD CD Program has tested 100% of his soldiers/airmen for the use of mood altering chemicals to include meth and still promotes a ZERO tolerance rule
- SD CD Program provided facilities, personnel, and time in Camp Rapid to hold the Science Based Drug Education course, which was FREE to over 30 personnel throughout the state. Four hours of meth specific information
- The Southeastern Prevention Resource Center is a clearinghouse for methamphetamine prevention materials (as well as other drug, alcohol and violence prevention). Yearly, materials about meth are purchased and provided to 21 counties in southeastern SD. Expansion of available, up-to-date material occurs on a yearly and as needed basis
- School based programming across the state provides classroom education specific to methamphetamine through the South Dakota Prevention Network's school and community based prevention programs, which are funded by the State Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- MAPP-SD coalitions are supported by the South Dakota Prevention Network's school and community based prevention programs across the state
- In 2007, the SD Dept. of Education collaborated with the SD Dept. of Human Services utilizing the MAPP-SD staff to provide for meth prevention education to teachers, parents, community members and students

- The Meth, a specific lesson that includes Life Skills sessions was provided to 85 schools reaching 7,727 students in 380 classrooms. Three school districts utilized the entire Life Skills curriculum. Fifty-one presentations were completed for educators, parents and community members reaching 2,886 people

GOAL SEVEN: Implement treatment protocols that are proven effective with methamphetamine use.

- Develop a system to identify meth users earlier i.e., physicians, dentists and the Department of Social Services
- Identify and implement proven treatment and detox models
- Develop case management for meth users to follow them throughout the treatment and recovery process
- Work with tribal members to insure treatment programs are culturally competent
- Assess the need for jail-based treatment programs
- Work with Unified Judicial System on the development of drug courts
- Develop a statewide plan for treatment of meth addicted individuals

Accomplishments to Date:

- MAPP-SD, Keystone Treatment Center and DADA developed and funded a demonstration program for inpatient methamphetamine treatment protocols with a research component
- City/County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program have established an extended detox protocol for meth users
- DADA in working with Duane Mackay and Native American Consultants from the University of South Dakota has 22 culturally specific lesson plans to be used for the training of chemical dependency counselors in the State
- DADA has received technical assistance through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and developed treatment protocols, which are on DADA website
- DADA is funding a meth specific treatment program that is of a 12 month duration at Keystone in Canton and City/County in Rapid City. Program capacity is up to 90 individuals per year
- DADA has a statewide draft plan for the treatment of meth addicted individuals
- Workforce Development Training City/County/CDA/National Guard
- Implemented Intensive Meth Treatment Program for female inmates and parolees. Accomplished through a partnership with DHS, DOH and DOC, community based program capacity of 96 inmates or paroles per year
- The Parole Division has developed Drug-Interdiction specialists within each region of the state to provide assistance to other agents in dealing with specific issues and/or staffing specific cases
- The Department of Human Services, in collaboration with DOC, has created CD/Mental Health Transition Coordinator positions to assist with the re-entry efforts of offenders with chemical dependency and mental health issues
- Over 65 CD professionals have been trained in the MATRIX model

GOAL EIGHT: Minimize the risks associated with exposure of infants and children to the manufacture and use of methamphetamine.

- Explore the ability to screen pregnant women for drug use (mandatory vs. voluntary).
- Adopt the national protocol for the medical evaluation of children exposed to methamphetamine
- Amend current child abuse/neglect laws to include anyone who exposes a child to an environment that is being used for manufacture, use, and distribution of methamphetamine
- Implement Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Teams to respond when children are present in methamphetamine labs
- Explore a form/process that would track a child exposed to meth manufacturing/use and the legislation that would enable it in order to support longitudinal studies on the impact of exposure of children to meth manufacture/use

Accomplishments to Date:

- Governor's legislation has been passed to amend the definition of abused or neglected children
- Countywide training on DEC Teams has been conducted and teams are functioning in several counties
- MAPP-SD is participating in a sub-committee of the National Drug Endangered Children Alliance to review a proposed national data collection system for tracking of medical concerns
- DEC tracking forms has been adopted for use within DSS
- Arrangements for a physician training video have been finalized with Dr. Kathy Wells
- There are 10 active DEC teams in the state: Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Watertown, Brookings, Clark County, Hamlin County, Northern Hills, Fall River County, Custer County and Cheyenne River /Eagle Butte

GOAL NINE: Collaborate with state and federal officials and congressional delegates to promote adequate funding of initiatives in response to the methamphetamine epidemic.

- Secure funding for media campaign for public awareness, ongoing public awareness, training activities and support of community coalitions
- Secure funding to assist with remediation of methamphetamine labs
- Secure funding to support prevention and treatment programs
- Secure funding to operate drug courts (if UJS determines drug courts to be appropriate for South Dakota)

Accomplishments to Date:

- DHS was appropriated Byrne grant funding to support meth treatment for parolees and others involved with the justice system
- DADA received notice from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that South Dakota has a Congressional earmark of \$694,400 to expand methamphetamine treatment in the State. These funds are being used to fund the 12

month meth treatment programs in the State

- DADA received an \$87,037 planning grant from the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder Center for Excellence, which is funded by SAMSHA. The funds are to be used to develop a case management based program for pregnant women who are, or are at risk, of abusing substances or have dependent children. Current data shows that up to 34% of the women being referred to DADA for placement in treatment has a methamphetamine diagnosis
- Efforts are underway with South Dakota's Congressional delegation to secure ongoing funding for MAPP-SD
- DADA is working in collaboration with UJS in the development of a drug court and case management program for meth addicted offenders
- Governor's support for securing federal money for on-going funding for meth prevention and treatment
- National Guard Counterdrug Program has collaborated with congressional delegates Sen. Tim Johnson, Rep. Stephanie Herseth and Sen. John Thune. We invited and/or flew these individuals in a NG OH-58 helicopter to show how we assist Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA's) in meth busts throughout the state
- In 2007, the SD Dept. of Education provided funding to the SD Dept. of Human Services for meth prevention education to teachers, parents, community members and students.
- The SWO Law Enforcement recently secured a COPS Meth Grant to combat meth and will hire a Meth Coordinator to continue the effort to organize Roberts County CAM.
- Legislative brunch - discussion on Meth in the Mitchell area
- The Governor proposed and the Legislature approved state general funds for the continued operation of the 12-month meth specific treatment programs in the State